



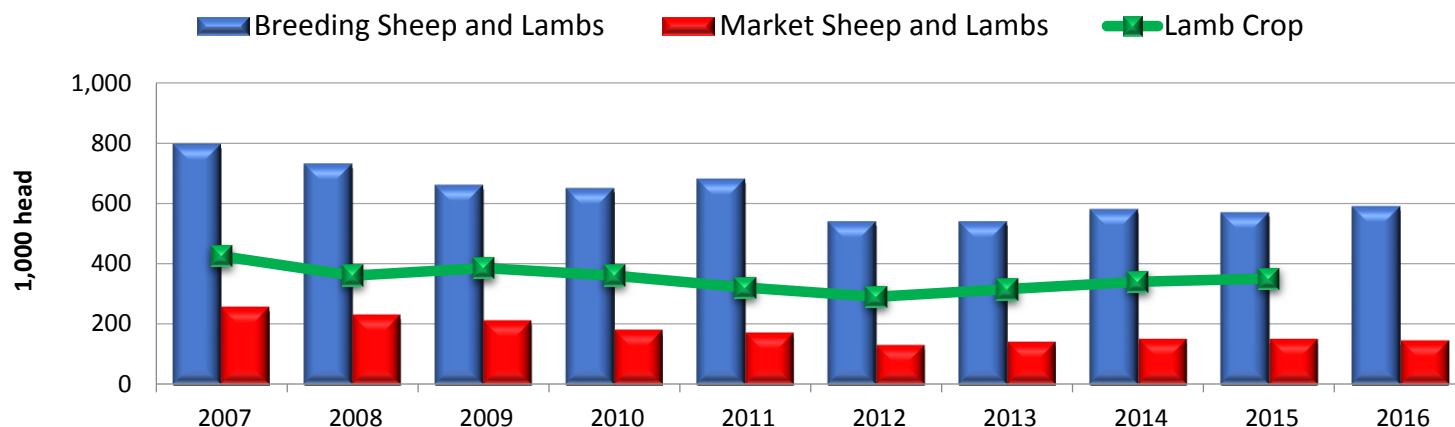
Texas Sheep Inventory

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Texas Sheep and Lambs, January 1 Inventory and Annual Lamb Crop



Texas Sheep: The Texas inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 735 thousand head on January 1, 2016, up 2 percent from last year's level of 720 thousand head. The inventory of breeding sheep and lambs totaled 590 thousand head, up 4 percent from 2015. Breeding ewes one year old and older were up 5 percent, at 455 thousand head. Replacement lambs were down from last year at 100 thousand head. The 2015 lamb crop at 350 thousand head was up 3 percent from 2014.

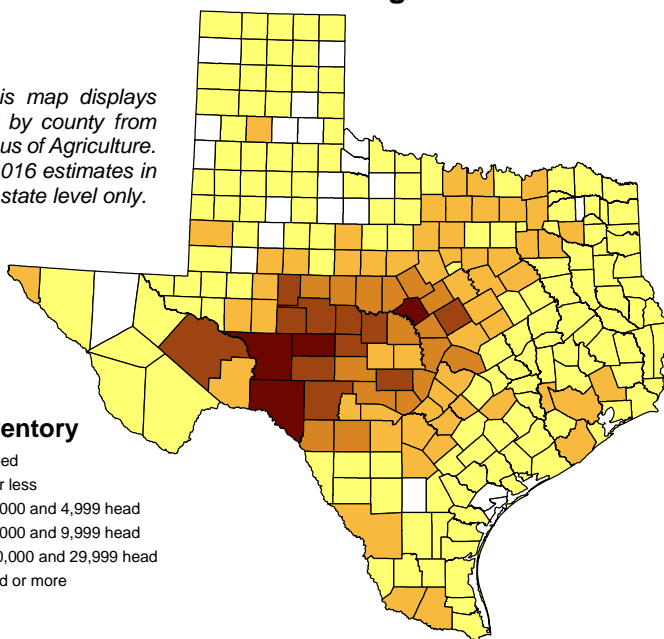
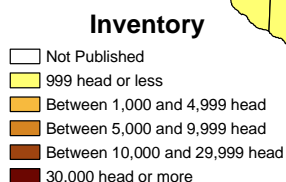
Market sheep and lambs in Texas were down 3 percent from last year, totaling 145 thousand head. Sheep for market totaled 10 thousand head, down 5 thousand head from 2015, while lambs for market totaled 135 thousand head, unchanged head from last year.

Texas Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Item	2014	2015	2016	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs.....	730	720	735	102
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	580	570	590	104
Ewes 1 year and older.....	440	435	455	105
Rams 1 year and older	35	30	35	117
Replacement lambs under 1 year old	105	105	100	95
Market Sheep and Lambs.....	150	150	145	97
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	15	15	10	67
Lambs under 1 year old	135	135	135	100
Under 65 pounds	90	80	80	100
65-84 pounds.....	20	25	25	100
85-105 pounds.....	10	10	15	150
Over 105 pounds	15	20	15	75
Lamb Crop	340	350		103

Texas Sheep and Lambs Inventory by County 2012 Census of Agriculture

As an aid, this map displays sheep density by county from the 2012 Census of Agriculture. The January 2016 estimates in this report are state level only.



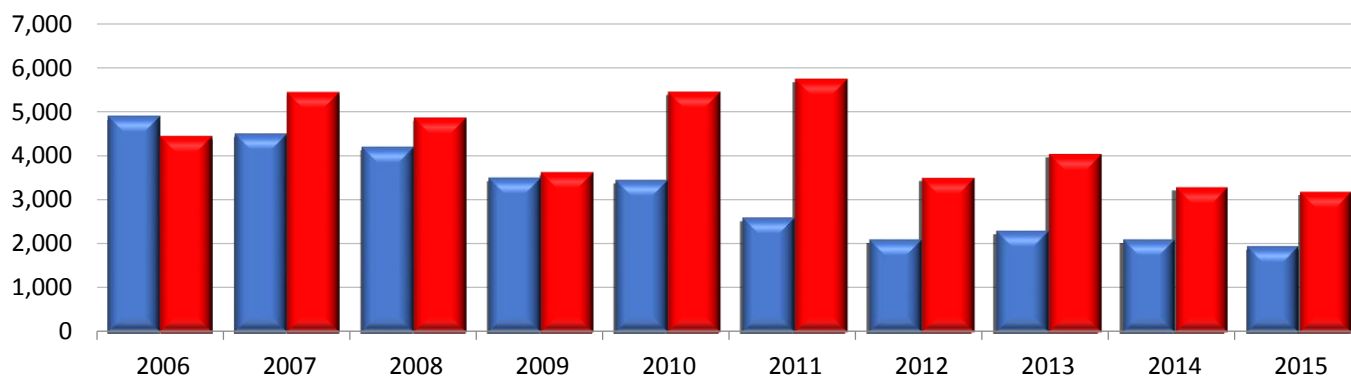
Texas Wool Production: Texas producers sheared 270 thousand sheep and lambs during 2015, down 7 percent from the previous year. Wool production totaled 1.95 million pounds during 2015, 7 percent below the previous year's total. Average fleece weights were unchanged from 2014, at 7.2 pounds. Total value of the state's wool production was down 3 percent from the previous year to 3.20 million dollars. The price per pound averaged \$1.64 during 2015, 4 percent higher than the average for 2014.

Texas Wool Production, Price and Value

Year	Sheep Shorn	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Price per Pound	Value
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>1,000 pounds</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
2013	310	7.4	2,300	1.76	4,048
2014	290	7.2	2,100	1.57	3,297
2015	270	7.2	1,950	1.64	3,198

Texas Wool Production and Value

■ Production (1,000 Pounds) ■ Value (1,000 Dollars)



U.S. Highlights: Nationally, the inventory of all sheep and lambs totaled 5.32 million head on January 1, 2016, up 1 percent from 2015. United States breeding sheep inventory was 3.97 million head. Ewes one year and older, at 3.13 million head, were slightly higher than last year. The 2015 lamb crop totaled 3.44 million head, unchanged from 2014. The 2015 lambing rate was 111 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older, unchanged from 2014.

Market sheep and lambs totaled 1.36 million head on January 1, 2016. Market lambs weighing less than 65 pounds totaled 330 thousand head; lambs weighing 65 to 84 pounds totaled 179 thousand head; lambs weighing 85 to 105 pounds totaled 264 thousand head, and lambs weighing over 105 pounds totaled 507 thousand head. Market sheep account for the remaining 75 thousand head.

United States Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Item	2014	2015	2016	Percent of Previous Year
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>percent</i>
All Sheep and Lambs.....	5,245	5,280	5,320	101
Breeding Sheep and Lambs	3,900	3,935	3,965	101
Ewes 1 year and older	3,090	3,110	3,125	100
Rams 1 year and older	175	175	175	100
Replacement lambs under 1 year old	635	650	665	102
Market Sheep and Lambs.....	1,345	1,345	1,355	101
Sheep 1 year old and over.....	81	85	75	88
Lambs under 1 year old	1,264	1,260	1,280	102
Under 65 pounds	340	327	330	101
65-84 pounds.....	148	163	179	110
85-105 pounds.....	323	267	264	99
Over 105 pounds	453	503	507	101
Lamb Crop	3,440	3,440		

A random sample of U.S. producers was surveyed to provide data for these estimates. Survey procedures ensured that all sheep and goat producers, regardless of size, had a chance to be included in the survey. Large producers were sampled more heavily than small operations. About 26,500 operators were contacted during the first half of January by mail, telephone and face-to-face personal interview and 63 percent of the reports were usable. Regardless of when operators responded, they were asked to report inventories as of January 1.

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